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In the matter of,)	Docket No. 11-IEP-1G, 11-IEP-1H
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Preparation of the)	COMMITTEE WORKSHOP
<i>2011 Integrated Energy Policy Report</i>)	RE: Distribution Infrastructure and
<i>(2011 IEPR)</i>)	Smart Grid Solutions to
		Advance 12,000 MW of DG.

Committee Workshop on Distribution Infrastructure Challenges and Smart Grid Solutions to Advance 12,000 Megawatts of Distributed Generation

The California Energy Commission's Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) Committee will conduct a workshop to discuss advancing the state's goals to integrate 12,000 megawatts (MW) of distributed generation (DG) into California's distribution infrastructure using smart grid solutions. The workshop will bring together investor- and publicly owned utilities, stakeholders, and the public to discuss topics including: aging distribution infrastructure and equipment; use of distribution automation, communication and control technologies; standards to ensure DG and distribution system interoperability; and smart grid research, development, and demonstration programs that will support achieving California's energy and environmental policy targets. Chair Robert Weisenmiller is the Presiding Member and Commissioner Karen Douglas is the Associate Member. Other Commissioners may attend and participate in this workshop. Commissioners and staff from the California Public Utilities Commission may also attend and participate.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2011

Beginning at 9:30 a.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Purpose

The IEPR Committee is providing an opportunity for investor-owned utilities, publicly owned utilities, and other interested stakeholders and parties to participate in a workshop specifically focusing on electric distribution system challenges and issues related to integrating renewable DG resources.

Background

On April 12, 2011, Governor Brown signed SB 2 X1 (Simitian, 2011, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2011-12 First Extraordinary Session). This new law requires 33 percent of all electricity generated in the state to come from renewable resources by 2020. In addition, the Governor’s Clean Energy Jobs Plan calls for 12,000 MW of renewable localized electricity generation by 2020. Many of these small renewable energy systems will all be connected to utilities’ distribution systems throughout the state. The challenge will be to safely, quickly, and economically integrate and optimize these new energy resources using aging distribution systems that were not designed to accommodate this type of generation.

As utilities rebuild, upgrade, and ultimately redesign their distribution systems, they will have to make choices that balance the need for continued reliability while making progress towards meeting state renewable policy and environmental goals. Increasingly, utilities will include investments in “smart” distribution equipment that can sense and adjust for conditions on remote circuits, as well as collect data and information that can be used to improve grid management and optimize the use of the full range of distributed energy resources (for example, customer meters, demand response, renewable DG, storage, plug-in vehicles, and so forth). The variety and capabilities of utilities to respond to increased requests to interconnect renewable DG are not uniform, so progress toward meeting these goals will vary from utility to utility.

Written Comments

Written comments on the meeting topics must be submitted by **5 p.m. on July 6, 2011**. Please include the docket number 11-IEP-1G, 11-IEP-1H and indicate “Distribution Infrastructure and Smart Grid” in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments.

All filings in the IEPR proceeding may now be done electronically. Please send your comments in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document File (PDF) by electronic mail to [docket@energy.state.ca.us] and copy the technical lead staff, Linda Kelly at [lkelly@energy.state.ca.us] or send them on a Compact Disc to:

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Please include your name or organization's in the name of the file. Signatures may be indicated on electronic copies by embedding a scanned signature graphic, "Original signed by" or similar words, or a scanned copy of the signature page may be appended to the electronic file.

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If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please contact Linda Kelly at (916) 654-4815, or by e-mail at [lkelly@energy.state.ca.us]. For general questions regarding the IEPR proceeding, please contact Lynette Green, IEPR project manager, at (916) 653-2728, or by e-mail at [lesterno@energy.state.ca.us].

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Dated: June 3, 2011

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